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REMARKS

Claims 1-57 are pending in the present application.

Claim 20 is objected to because it is the same as claim 19. In response Applicants have canceled claim 20.

Claims 1-13, 15-28, 30-42 and 44-56 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over EP 0903905A2 (Takagi) in view of the article "Fast Asymmetric Internet Over Wireless Satellite-Terrestrial Networks," 11-3-1997 (Baras). Claims 14, 29, 43 and 57 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Takagi in view of Baras, and further in view of USPN 6,823,387 (Srinivas). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as follows.

Applicants have amended each of the independent claims 1, 15, 30 and 44 to include the recitation of "one or more spoofing parameters and a spoofing selection parameter for specifying a rule for applying the spoofing parameters, wherein the spoofing parameters include information for specifying whether spoofing is enabled for a selected one of the connections and priority information specifying priority treatment of the selected connection." Further, because claims 2-14, 16-29, 31-43 and 45-57 depend from claims 1, 15, 30 and 44 respectively, these dependent claims also now include this added limitation of one or more spoofing parameters and a spoofing selection parameter. Applicants submit that Takagi fails to disclose or teach this limitation, and therefore fails to render claims 1-57 obvious in combination with Baras and Srinivas as applied in the foregoing rejections.

Applicants, therefore, respectfully submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and notice to this effect is respectfully requested.

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No amendment made was related to the statutory requirements of patentability unless expressly stated herein; and no amendment made was for the purpose of narrowing the scope of any claim, unless Applicant has argued herein that such amendment was made to distinguish over a particular reference or combination of references.

If, however, the Examiner believes that there are any unresolved issues requiring adverse action in any of the claims now pending in the application, it is requested that the Examiner telephone Mr. Craig Plastrik, at 301-601-7252, so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully Submitted,



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